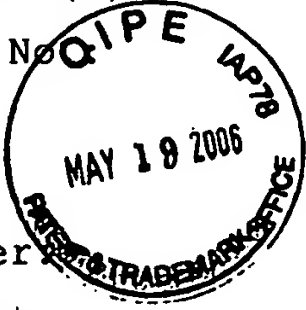


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application according to the following:

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